

PAUL HUEBLER IS RELEASED ON BOND

It will be remembered that a short time ago Jeff Woodward, a well known Quay county citizen, was shot and killed at his farm near Logan, by one Paul Huebler, an old friend and companion. The trial was held before A. Jones, justice of the peace at Logan, and the defense did not give any testimony or reason for committing the crime. The justice held Huebler to the grand jury without bail and he was placed in the county jail where he has remained until a few days ago when an order from Judge Lieb was received in this city requesting that he be released upon his giving a satisfactory bond for \$10,000. This Huebler did and it was signed by ten representative citizens of Logan and vicinity, being J. H. Shollenbarger, Fred Congden, Earl Carriker, J. W. Pratt, W. P. Brayton, J. W. Sanders, B. F. Cook, August Rodewaldt, A. W. Bruhn and J. F. Moss.

Judge Lieb in his order said "the Court further finds that the said Paul Huebler is entitled to be released on bail."

Paul Huebler, through his attorney, Royal A. Prentice claimed "that the said A. Jones had failed and refused to file and execute a bond to the State for the faithful performance of his duties as justice of the peace and had failed and refused to take and subscribe the oath or affirmation in writing, as required by the laws of the State of New Mexico, etc."

"That upon such failure by the said A. Jones to file such bond and oath aforesaid, the said A. Jones thereby resigned his said office of justice of the peace and refused to serve therein and the said office became by reason of such failure, ipso facto, vacant—and said office had not been filled by appointment or election, as required by law."

This was given as a reason that A. Jones was not qualified to try the case and had no right to set the punishment or hold Huebler to the action of the grand jury without bail, so an appeal was made to Judge Lieb and District Attorney Remley made no objections to said petition and it was up to Mr. Lieb to say what should be done, so he set the bond at \$10,000 and Huebler gave it and was released.

This case will probably come up for trial at the October term and some sensational testimony is expected on both sides, as Mr. Woodward and Paul Huebler had a number of friends in this county.

MAIL CLERK LOSES FIGHT TO SAVE INJURED LEG

Pratt, July 18.—W. D. Settle, the mail clerk who was shot while on duty in a mail car between Dalhart, Texas, and Liberal, a year ago last January, has just returned from a hospital at Chicago, Ill., where he was taken soon after the accident. He states that he has at last consented to have his leg removed, after nearly two years of intense suffering in an effort to save it.

Settle was working in his car when his helper became insanely enraged after a debauch in which whiskey counted, and without warning, shot Settle in the leg, splintering the bone just below the hip. He was first treated at Liberal and later taken to Chicago, and has been there ever since. Soon after, his wife was taken to a tubercular sanitarium in Colorado and there, separated by many hundred miles, these two people have made a brave fight for life against great odds.

He has often written his chief clerk and others of the railway mail clerks, and each letter has been one full of hope, and filled with a spirit of contentedness that has been a wonder to his co-workers. They have all assisted him in a financial way, and great interest is centered in his unusually sad and lengthy fight for life. He is now in a Kansas City hospital, where the operation will take place to remove the infected limb.

TAXPAYER'S ASSOC'N BUSY

Santa-Fe, N. M., July 16.—A. E. James, director of the Taxpayers' Association of New Mexico, left today to visit San Miguel, Mora, Colfax, and Union counties to consult with district school directors and county school superintendents on the school tax estimates to be submitted by the latter to the county commissioners, under the county unit school tax law. Already Mr. James has visited Bernalillo, Valencia, Torrence, Guadalupe and Quay counties and in those five counties estimates recommended by county superintendents have been reduced a total of more than \$40,000. Before the end of August Mr. James expects to visit all the counties in connection with the school estimates, and should the ratio of savings effected hold good a very important saving in school tax levies will have been effected for the taxpayers of the whole state. Results of the school estimate work will be shown at its conclusion through the New Mexico Tax Review.

U. S. TO ADD 157 WAR SHIPS IN THREE YEARS

Washington, D. C., July 18.—The senate today adopted the enlarged building program of the naval bill by a vivi voce vote. It provides for the construction within three years of 157 war vessels of all classes and for four dreadnoughts and four battle cruisers to be built next year.

In passing this measure, the senate acted in exact accord with the recommendation of rear admiral Knight of the naval war college, made in a report which the officer submitted to secretary of the navy Daniels concerning lessons to be derived from the Jutland sea battle. In this report rear admiral Knight suggested that if the number of capital ships to be constructed next year be fixed at eight, they should comprise four dreadnoughts and four battle cruisers.

The intention of the navy department, if its suggestions can be favorably acted upon, is to restore the United States to second place among nations in naval strength.

By a vote of 48 to 18, the senate rejected an amendment to require three of the new battleships to be kept on the Pacific coast. It was argued that the amendment would be an infringement on the constitutional authority of the president as commander-in-chief of the navy.

COUNCIL ERECTS SIGNS TO REGULATE TRAFFIC

The city council has caused a marker to be placed at the intersection of several of the main down-town streets which reads "Keep to the Right" and the city marshal has been appointed as instructor to the general traveling public. Marshal Horton is now the busiest man in town telling those who do not know the ways of a city and writing permits to drivers of motor vehicles. This is a good move and will make for the safety of all classes. The increasing number of autos and the trusting them to inexperienced drivers made it unsafe to travel on the main streets.

The marshal is armed with a list of questions, prepared for him, no doubt, by one of his lawyer friends, as they cover the proposition thoroughly and when an applicant has successfully answered all of them, he is without doubt familiar with the new ordinance No. 111 recently passed by the city council and which is now in effect.

This ordinance specifies the speed of cars within different limits and the marshal is ordered to arrest those who disobey such ordinance. Every owner of an auto or any driver of a motor vehicle is requested to call at the city office for a driver's permit and a copy of the ordinance.

This ordinance if it is enforced as it should be will be of much value to any autoist who may at some future time desire to go to some of the large cities and drive in a place regulated by similar ordinances. This will also cut out jay-walking and groups standing in the streets or upon crossings passing the time of day or talking over social or political matters.

Regulation in the large cities has been a great saving to life and limb but it has not eliminated the speed artist or more properly named the "speed maniac." The following telegram is a sample of what is going on in Chicago.

"Chicago, July 18.—Reckless automobile driving has killed 134 persons in Chicago since January 1st of this year. Many of the deaths have been due to the activities of so-called speed maniacs, it is said."

"LINE PARTY"

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kirby entertained with a "Line Party" on Tuesday evening. After the show they took their guests to their home where they enjoyed a social hour with refreshments. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Keator, Misses Corn, Bellou, Moody and Sandusky; Messrs. Foyil, Corn, Haller and Harrison.

HOUSE PIONEER NEWS

E. W. Bowen and Mr. Wilson, insurance adjuster, were over from Tucumcari Monday and made settlement with Dr. Herring on his auto which was burned up about two weeks ago.

Several light showers of past week have been of considerable benefit to the crops, but a good general rain would put the ground into condition for summer preparation for wheat sowing, and the making of fall grass, which will be appreciated by both the farmers and stockmen.

We are informed that Arthur Ray, one of our good old bachelor citizens, and Miss Julia Moore, both of the Grand Plain community, were married while taking in the Cowboy Reunion at Las Vegas, last week. The many friends of this happy couple will be pleased to know that they have decided to travel the remaining years of their lives in double harness, and we extend our best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

TUCUMCARI YOUTH DROWNS IN CANADIAN

David Ostie, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ostie, who has been a resident of Tucumcari for a number of years, was drowned in the Canadian river, Sunday about noon.

Young Ostie, together with three other boys rode a freight train north Sunday morning, two of the boys getting off eight miles this side of the river, Ostie and another young man named Smith going on up to the river. When they reached to river the Smith boy says Ostie wanted to go in swimming but he thought the water was too deep and refused to go in. Ostie went in and after wading around for a few minutes got beyond his depth and began his struggle for life. He could not swim nor neither could the Smith boy. He sank in the deep hole which was said to be about 15 feet in depth. Then Smith ran back to the railroad for help. Some Mexicans at the section house were notified and they immediately returned with Smith to the place where Ostie went down and tried to find the body. They were unsuccessful so parties telephoned to Tucumcari and a number went up from here. Emery Brown, who is a good swimmer, dived to the bottom of the hole and succeeded in locating the body which seemed to be fastened to the bottom. It was necessary for him to go down several times before he could bring the body to the surface.

It was taken to the railroad and then brought to Tucumcari on the south-bound "Polly."

Young Ostie was well known here as he had been in the employ of the Butler Grocery store as delivery boy. His family were respectable citizens and Young Ostie was educated so that he spoke the English language quite as well as the Spanish.

The body was kept until Tuesday morning until his brother could arrive from Kansas, when the funeral was held at 10 o'clock at the family residence, conducted by Rev. Maddox, pastor of the First Baptist church.

There were a large number of the friends present at the funeral and followed in the procession to the cemetery where the body was laid to rest.

THEY GOT THE MONEY

An army of progressive citizens from the Quay district came to town Monday armed with the proper ammunition and charged upon the county commissioners at the proper time and caused the members of that honorable body to recognize a petition for \$1500 in money which they desired to place in the construction of a much-needed school house in that thriving community.

This new school house will be built of reinforced concrete and consist of two rooms. The lodges and church people of that community propose to put on the upper story to be used as a hall and for religious services. This makes a valuable addition to Quay and would be used most every Sunday. Those who composed the army were J. H. Wood, R. D. Hutchins, Peter Laritson, Al. Dunlap, Ab. Capps, G. M. Buckner, S. A. Jackson, Jas. Bonds, Prof. Randall, Earl Wayne, Tom Jennings, A. Stanfield, G. B. Greer, G. M. Ward, Moody Bassell.

32ND MICHIGAN INFANTRY

Another war strength regiment of militia passed through Tucumcari on four special trains Monday, when the 32nd Michigan passed on its way to El Paso. The boys left Michigan on Friday and were forced to ride in day coaches to Herrington, Kansas, where the Rock Island provided Pullmans, and they were a jolly lot of fellows although they were undergoing vaccination for smallpox and typhoid. The only accident of the trip was one which occurred to Sergt. C. F. Healy, of Grand Rapids, who had his leg broken at Muscatine, Iowa, where he was left in the hospital and will be sent back to his home in Grand Rapids.

The 32nd Infantry is in command of Col. L. C. Covell and is composed largely of west Michigan men. It consists of 1300 men and like other Michigan troops, is practically up to war strength.

LAWN FESTIVAL

The young people of the Baptist church enjoyed one of the most entertaining events of the year last Friday evening at the home of Mr. J. M. Stark. The guests were first invited to a short musical program which ended with a very novel game, calling for a research of Natural History. The hostess then called "recess" and everyone hurried out to a frolic on the velvety grass. The fun increased with the passing of time so it was an exceedingly hilarious crowd that was finally called in and separately tagged to be sent by Parcel Post from a mail order establishment in the far east. After the delivery of such an enormous shipment the young people gathered again on the lawn to be served delicious refreshments by Group One. Every-body was agreed that the lady moon half shut her eye with joyous mirth at the scene so far below.

TUCUMCARI BALL TEAM DATED TO AUGUST 27

The Tucumcari base ball club has made arrangements to play some of the strongest teams in this part of the country and is rounding into shape by practicing every evening and those who have the spare time during the day are practicing faithfully. It is true that Tucumcari has the material for the making of a first-class team, but has not been practicing together because of the fact it was not known whether the management would be able to match them with teams of our neighboring cities.

On next Sunday Tucumcari will play the best Clovis can scrape together from her good list of ball players and a battery from Roswell, perhaps. This promises to be one of the best games of the season—next Sunday, July 23.

Amarillo's best will be here the following week for two games, playing Sunday and Monday, July 30 and 31. This team has not invaded Tucumcari for five years, but it is known here that if Tucumcari expects to win she must trot out her best and they must play some ball.

Tucumcari will play a return game with Clovis at that city on August 6.

Our old and usually successful rival Dalhart will be here August 13 and 14, Sunday and Monday, for two games and it is expected that these games will be up to their usually high standard.

Tucumcari will play at Amarillo on Sunday, August 20.

The Southwestern team from El Paso is expected to recruit some of the best players in El Paso and come up for a game August 27. They expect revenge for their recent defeat by a score of 6 to 0.

PERSHING ARMY WILL STAY IN MEXICO FOR THE PRESENT

Washington, D. C., July 19.—When told about dispatches from Mexico City saying special agent Rodgers had informed the Carranza government that the United States troops in Mexico gradually would be withdrawn, acting secretary of state Polk said Mr. Rodgers had no authority to make any such statement and that the policy of the American government remained unchanged.

Informal conferences between Mr. Polk and Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador-designate, continued today at the state department.

Although press dispatches from Mexico City have announced the appointment of Mexican members of a joint commission to undertake adjustment of differences between the two countries, it was stated officially at the department that no final agreement as to the method of conducting the negotiations had been reached.

It was explained also that if it should be determined to make a joint commission, the American member could not be headed by Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador-designate to Mexico, because Mr. Fletcher's official position would prevent him from serving in that capacity.

CLOVIS NEWS IS SOLD

The Clovis News, the oldest paper in that city, has been sold by the present owner, A. E. Curren, to Clyde C. Buckingham, recently of Houston, Tex. The News was launched with the town by the late J. E. Curren, who perhaps started more newspapers than any other man in New Mexico, and his son, A. E. Curren. Since the elder Curren's death last spring his son has continued in charge of the paper.

Mr. Buckingham is an experienced newspaper man, whose democracy is unadulterated, as he hails from Texas, where nothing but democrats grow, and he announces that it will be his policy to conduct a strictly democratic paper.

Mr. Curren expects to take an extended trip for the purpose of obtaining rest and recreation, before settling down again. Aside from this he announces that he has no definite plans for the future.

The News will install a new linotype and otherwise improve the mechanical part of the News and put it on a par with other eastern New Mexico newspapers.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. W. M. Watkins gave a party Monday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at her home on South 2nd street, in honor of the tenth birthday of her little daughter, Katherine Eich. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in playing games and the guests report a most enjoyable time. After a dainty course of refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served the little girls were all taken for a joy ride in Mr. Watkins big Inter-State touring car.

Those present were Emily Lee, Matilee Ward, Frankie Ward, Milton Woford, Alice Paddock, Eula Bergin, Leah Bergin, May Bess Lawson, Lois Dismukes, Pearl Hill, Mavis Garrett and Katherine Eich Watkins.

The joy riders passed through town singing "Tipperary," and other songs and they were doing a good job of it.

RURAL CREDITS BILL GIVES EQUAL SHARE TO FARMER

Washington, July 17.—President Wilson today signed the rural credits bill, passed recently by congress. Just before signing the measure, which creates a system of twelve land loan banks under direction of a federal board, the president made a short address.

"I cannot go through the simple ceremony of signing this bill without expressing the feeling that I have in signing it," said the president. "It is a feeling not only of profound satisfaction, but of real gratitude that we have completed this piece of legislation, which I hope will be immensely beneficial to the farmers of the country. The farmers, it seems to me, have occupied hitherto a singular position of disadvantage. They have not had the same freedom to get credit on their real estate that others have had who were in manufacturing and commercial enterprises, and while they have sustained our life they did not, in the same degree with others, share the benefits of that life."

"Therefore, this bill along with the very liberal provisions of the federal reserve act, puts them upon an equality with all others who have genuine assets and makes the great credit of the country available to them."

ECLIPSE OF MOON IS VISIBLE HERE

The eclipse of the moon, visible from this city last Friday night, was one of the most beautiful lunar spectacles ever seen in Tucumcari. The eclipse started shortly after nine o'clock and lasted about an hour. It was nearly total as it covered seven eighths of the moon and the view was not molested as the sky was clear and only one little cloud interfered and that was at the very beginning.

An eclipse of the moon is caused by the earth getting in between it and the sun, cutting off the solar light and thus causing a shadow through which the moon passes. The sun is 109 times greater in diameter than the earth. The earth's center is 92,882,000 miles from that of the sun, and the moon is only 240,000 miles from the earth.

The moon in this eclipse is not central within the shadow, and is therefore not totally eclipsed. The length of the earth's shadow varies, because the distance of the earth from the sun varies by 3,115,000 miles; and the distance of the moon from the earth varies within wide limits. But all variations are known to mathematicians down to minute accuracy. But the length of the shadow cast by the earth is always three times greater than the moon's distance from the earth. The velocity of the earth on its orbit around the sun is on an average of 18.49 miles per second; and as the moon is not left in the rear, it moves with the same speed. But the velocity per second of the moon around the earth is only six-tenths of a mile. This accounts for the long duration of a lunar eclipse. When the earth is at its mean distance from the sun, and the moon at its average distance from the earth, the length of the earth's shadow is 858,576 miles, but as the moon's distance is 240,000 miles, the mean diameter of the shadow where the moon passes through is 5,714 miles. Then, since the diameter of the moon is only 2,163 miles, we see another cause for the long duration of lunar eclipses. Since the moon moves from west to east, from right to left, opposite to the motions of the hands of a watch, the east side of the moon enters the shadow, and in his eclipse, the first touch of shadow will be seen in the moon. In the great telescope at time of total lunar eclipse the color of the moon is somewhat like dull copper but the outlines of the craters and tops of rant and torn volcanic peaks are to be seen. No appreciable effect on the earth or its inhabitants has ever been detected by eclipses of the moon even if total. The cutting off of the soft light reflected to earth from the rock surface of the moon two or three hours does not leave any effects large enough to be detected by high-power instruments. A total eclipse of the moon is not nearly so imposing and majestic as a total eclipse of the sun by the moon. For total solar eclipses are as sublime as any spectacle in the celestial vault presented to the eye and mind of man.

A SLUMBER PARTY

Mrs. Meeker and Mrs. Keator entertained for their house guests on Wednesday evening. The guests were treated to a joy-ride with refreshments at the Meeker home where the young ladies remained for a "Slumber Party."

The next morning they enjoyed a "three course breakfast" at the Keator home. The invited guests were Misses Corn, Bellou, Brown, Rosenthal, Moody and Sandusky; Messrs. Foyil, Corn, Phillips, Goldenberg, Calisch and Harrison.

SOCIALISTS MET SATURDAY

The Socialists met in Tucumcari last Saturday and selected a county ticket and transacted such other business as usually comes before such a body. The News hopes to give the ticket next week. Send 'er in boys.

ORPET FOUND "NOT GUILTY"

Waukegan, Ill., July 15.—William Orpet, the university student charged with murdering Marion Lambert, a high school girl and his former sweetheart, was found not guilty tonight by a jury in Judge Donnelly's court after five hours deliberation.

QUAY COUNTY VAL- UATION \$10,960,999

The Quay county tax rolls have been completed and sent to Santa Fe to the State Board of Equalization and unless this board sees fit to change them the assessment for 1916 on the following will be:

The total number of town lots this year and last are the same—22,163. The value of town lots has decreased from \$532,710 to \$434,831, while the value of improvements on lots has decreased from \$666,925 to \$637,010 for 1916.

The number of acres of assessable land has increased from 945,115.17 to 1,028,270.64, while the value is now \$3,828,510. Improvements on land in 1915 were valued at \$340,278, while this year the new rolls show \$338,990.

Telephone lines have increased in valuation from \$32,225 to \$38,025, but telegraph lines are the same as last year—\$18,670.

For the year 1915 there were 8,497 head of horses, mules and asses. In this year's assessment the number has increased to 10,023, and the value has increased from \$406,288 to \$478,151, or nearly \$72,000.

In 1915 there were 30,399 head of cattle on the assessment list. This year the number has increased nearly 10,000, the number being 40,147, and the valuation has been increased nearly \$500,000, as it now shows \$1,419,833 for 1916 to \$939,465 for 1915.

The number of sheep and goats for 1916 decreased from 13,421 in 1915 to 8,827 in 1916, and likewise the valuation of same was decreased from \$47,190 in 1915 to \$34,880 in 1916.

The number of hogs for this year was 1562, while that for 1915 was but 885, an increase of nearly 100 per cent. The value was increased from \$9,515 to \$17,670.

The number of automobiles more than doubled. In 1915 only 71 were recorded in Quay county, while this year there are 155. The valuation has nearly doubled, being increased from \$24,940 to \$48,035, being more than \$300 valuation for each car.

The value of pianos in 1916 was slightly less in 1916 than in 1915, being \$23,537 last year and \$23,080 this. Value of household goods decreased from \$86,506 in 1915 to \$82,381 for 1916.

The value of the railroads was practically the same, being \$2,823,100 in 1915, and \$2,823,530 in 1916.

The total value of all taxable property for 1916 is \$10,960,999, less exemption allowed to head of families amounting to \$425,800, which leaves a net taxable value of \$10,535,199, or about \$500,000 in excess to that of the year 1915.

This is the last assessment to be made by the present assessor, James Briscoe and he has made a good record for accuracy and diligence. Mr. Briscoe has taken care of this office to the satisfaction of the majority of the property owners in Quay county and while he has made a few mistakes during his official career, the next assessor will be forced to do his best in order to keep that office up to its present high standard.

MONTOYA DEMOCRAT

A man who is pretty good at handling out flattery came in the Democrat office the other day and ordered the paper and we were pleased. Said it was a good paper and we were glad. Said it was more than worth the money to any man of intelligence, and we were tickled. Said it was the greatest booster and the most reliable town builder and developer in this community, and we yelled with joy. Paid for his paper, and we did gently to the floor in blissful unconsciousness. Nature had reached its limits.

An Old Mexico Mexican by name Jose Magallanes of Santa Rosa, Chihuahua, was killed at this place Wednesday night by No. 1. He is supposed to have staggered into the train, and lived only a short time, was buried next day.

"Bill" Simpson returned Monday from a business trip to the western part of Texas and he reports that part of the state very dry and grass and crops burnt up, which shows Montoya is as good and lots better than some places we know of. Mr. Simpson has decided to remain in Montoya and expects to go into business in the near future. Glad to know this as our city has room for progressive, up-to-date and boosting citizens. Here's wishing him success.